श्री उदय प्रताप सिंह (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सर, हम तो अपनी बात कह देते हैं। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति : मंत्री जी स्टेटमेंट करने वाले हैं। ...(व्यवधान)... यह स्टेटमेंट करने वाले हैं। वह आये हैं। यह स्टेटमेंट करेंगे। श्री सीताराम येचुरी जी।

Imposition of sanctions by U.S. A. on two Indian companies in their dealings with Iran

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY (West Bengal): Sir, I am raising another issue. I am raising an issue which I want the entire House, through you, to please pay attention to it seriously. The Federal Registrar Notification of the United States of America...*(interruptions)*... आप सुनिए। यादव जी, यह आपके लिए भी जरूरी है। The United States of America's Federal Register Notification has imposed sanctions on two Indian private companies Balaji Amines Limited and Prachi Poly Products Limited on the charge of passing on technology to Iran that could be useful for producing Weapons of Mass Destruction or missile systems. Now, one of these companies, Balaji Amines Limited, has issued a statement saying that they have been supplying only three products that are used in making life-saving antibiotics. In fact, in the statement, they say, "We have not supplied any product that fall under the Schedules 1, 2 or 3 of the Chemical Weapons Convention Act to Iran. We have supplied only three products that are used in making life-saving antibiotics." Now, despite this having been said, the Government of India, Sir, has not protested against the sanctions imposed on these companies. Sir, the Minister of State for External Affairs is here and I would like to draw his attention through you. Mr. Anand Sharma, we want you to just listen to this. On the other hand, the Ministry of External Affairs in December, 2005 verbally asked this company, Balaji Amines Limited, to stop exporting to Iran even before the sanctions were imposed. This is a clear case of India acting at the behest of the US instead of opposing sanctions which are unjustified. Sir, the Government of India should firmly defend the right of the Indian companies to have trade and business dealings with Iran and since the Minister is here, we want to know why the Government of India is coming under pressure. Why are you allowing these sanctions to be imposed on Indian companies when actually they are not supplying anything to Iran which goes into the weapons production? And why are we actually asking these companies to stop doing normal trade with Iran? I think, Sir, this is a clear expression of the extra nuclear deal pressures that are coming on the Government and this is actually reflecting in such decisions. And this is where, I think, the Government will have to answer to all of us

that our apprehensions that they are not falling into the trap of pressures from the USA imposing such sanctions which we think are the actual apprehensions connected with the US nuclear deal. This will have to be clarified.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, we can give a statement, but, let me assure Mr. Sitaram Yechury that as far as we are concerned, we have our own non-proliferation regime. Our Parliament has enacted legislation to prevent proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and any direction which is given is in conformity...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री शरद यादव (बिहार) : यह क्या जवाब दे रहे हैं? ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: They will come forth with a statement. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, as far as this impression that any direction has been given because of any extraneous pressure or influence, is not correct. I would like to dispel that. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT (West Bengal) : But, have any directions been given?

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, I was answering to Yechury*ji*. Shrimati Brinda Karat*ji* has said whether any directions have been given. I never said that. I said specifically that I will come back with a statement on the issue that you have raised. But, I have talked about the legislation which is in place, which has been enacted by our Parliament with regard to non-proliferation, to prevent export of any technology which deals with that. So, we will look into that aspect as to what were the circumstances for imposing sanctions against these two Indian companies. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Sir, we understand our legislation. We fully respect that. But, Mr. Minister, the point here is that sanctions are imposed by the United States of America on an unjustified premise. The Indian Government does not protest that. On the contrary, the Indian Government gives instructions to these companies not to trade with Iran. Now, that is exactly the point I want to make that you are succumbing to the pressure of the United States of America ...*(Interruptions)*... So, we want an assurance from you that you will not succumb to such pressure...*(Interruptions)*...But, here is the case...*(Interruptions)*...We want this assurance from you that this will not happen...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: I think, it is being very uncharitable and very unfair not only on the part of Yechuryji, but also others, to what they are implying. I would like to categorically state that the Government of India pursues an independent foreign policy which takes into consideration strictly India's supreme national interest. We are neither dictated to nor told what foreign policy to pursue, and to say that there is any surrender, is not correct...(*Interruptions*)...No, we cannot have a debate on this specific issue. As I said earlier, we will come with a statement...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: I just want to make one submission. All that I want the Minister to clarify is this. Did the External Affairs Ministry in December 2005 give any notification or issued orders asking these companies to stop trading with Iran?

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, as I have said earlier, I am going to check that and come back to this House.

श्री उदय प्रताप सिंह (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सर, मैं एक बात कहना चाहता हूं।

श्री उपसभापति : यह तो हो गया!

श्री उदय प्रताप सिंह : सर, मुझे दूसरी बात कहनी है।

श्री उपसभापति : मैं आपको अभी बुलाता हूं।

श्री उदय प्रताप सिंह : सर, आज सुबह जब मीटिंग हुई थी तो यह तय किया गया था कि श्री नटवर सिंह जी के पर्सनल वक्तव्य के बाद सबसे पहले मुझे अपने बात कहने का मौका दिया जाएगा, मेरा ही नोटिस सबसे पहले था, तब मुझे किसलिए रोका जा रहा है, कृपया मुझे यह बताया जाए।

श्री उपसभापति : नहीं रोका जा रहा है। आप क्यों कह रहे हैं कि रोका जा रहा है?

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (मध्य प्रदेश) : सर, इन्हें बोलने दीजिए।

श्री उपसभापति : बोलने देंगे।...(**व्यवधान**)... देखिए, यहां पर आपने दिया था, तब उनको भी बुला लिया गया है, वे भी पर्सनल स्टेटमेंट दे रहे हैं। उस कारण से जो अन्य ज़ीरो ऑवर के मेंशन हैं, उन्हें पहले ले लिया जाए, ऐसा चेयरमैन साहब ने डिसाइड किया है।

Demand for an inquiry into the reported killing of an Indian from Deoria District of Uttar Pradesh in Tehran under mysterious circumstances and attempt by the company to conceal the truth

श्री कलराज मिश्र (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सर, मैं एक बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण विषय सदन के माध्यम से उठाना चाहता हूं। देवरिया जनपद में चतुरी गांव के निवासी, अध्यापक नरसिंह तिवारी का बेटा सुबोध मर्चेन्ट नेवी की ट्रेनिंग में जाने के पश्चात तेहरान की एक कम्पनी अल हमीद के